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CORRECTION

Please accept my apologies. There were two places where the dates were incorrect. Please note this information for the upcoming convention:

- **Convention Dates:** February 17-19, 2017
- **Pre-Convention Rates through:** January 17, 2017
- **Boskone's Free Friday Afternoon:** February 17, 2017 from 2:00-6:00 pm

BOSKONE 54 IS COMING!

February 17-19, 2017

More than 150 program participants. Over 350 program items. New England's longest running science fiction and fantasy convention returns for another terrific weekend of smart, fun, and exciting events.



Back by popular demand, **Boskone is free/open to the public on Friday, February 17th from 2:00-6:00 pm.** Memberships are required after 6:00 pm on Friday and throughout the rest of the convention.

Buy Your Membership Today!

Are you planning to join us for another great weekend? Memberships for

BOSKONE SPACE

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IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Boskone Website](#)
- [Buy A Membership](#)
- [About Programming](#)
- [Westin Waterfront](#)
- [Convention Hours](#)

FAVORITES FROM

the Full Weekend are available online and these rates are good through January 17, 2017:

- Adult: \$55
- College Student: \$35
- K-12 Student: \$25

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SIGNATURE EVENTS

Our signature events celebrate the best of what Boskone has to offer.

Boskone Reception & Meet the Guests: Step it up, and join us in the Galleria for an upscale social mixer where with Boskone's Guests and program participants. Come meet this year's guests:

- **Guest of Honor:** [Brandon Sanderson](#)
- **Official Artists:** [Dave Seeley](#)
- **Special Guests:** [Maryelizabeth Yturralde](#)
- **Featured Filkers:** [The Fabulous Lorraine Garland & Lojo Russo](#)
- **Hal Clement Science Speaker:** [Milton Davis](#)
- **NESFA Guest:** [Ken MacLeod](#)

The Boskone Reception will include live music in the galleria from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM! *Cash bar available.* (Friday)

Featured Filkers Concert with The Fabulous Lorraine & Lojo Russo:

Wickedly bright and talented, Lorraine and Lojo are longtime friends who have come together again to share their soulful, fanciful and farcical music with Boskone music fans. (Friday)

Boskone Book Party: Join the party, buy books, grab some swag, and have a fantastic time adding new material from nearly 20 of your favorite Boskone authors to your bookshelf. Publishers and authors come together in the Galleria to share what's new since last year. (Saturday)

Saturday Night Program & Awards: We're holding a fun and riotous live reading of a Shakespearean-ish play that is "out of this world." You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll have a far out time! (Saturday)

Saturday Night Open Mic: Last year's open mic was a hit. So, we're doing it again Stay tuned for this year's open mic theme and come enjoy the smooth stylings of our program participants and audience members who share their open mic skills in this year's Open Mic. Each person gives his/her best 5-minute performance – story, poem, song, skit, interpretive dance, or whatever! OPTIONAL: For extra appeal, feel free to come dressed up! *Cash bar available.* (Saturday)

. . . and much, much more!

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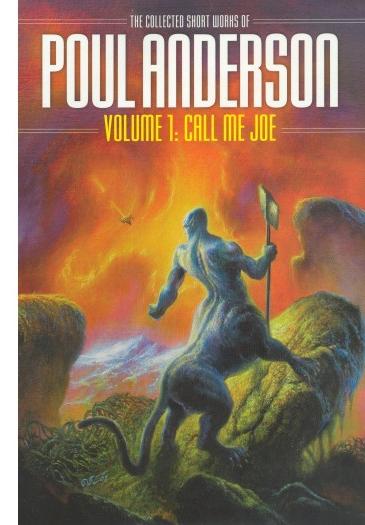
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WHO'S COMING TO BOSKONE?

We have a number of authors artists, publishers, scientists, and more attending as program participants and members this year, including Linda Addison, Elizabeth Bear, Rick Berry, Neil Clarke, Bruce Coville, Bob Eggleton, Kirbi Fagan, Esther Friesner, Christopher Golden, James Patrick Kelly, Sharon Lee, Scott Lynch, Steve Miller, Errick Nunnally, Ada Palmer, Tamora Pierce, N.A. Ratnayake, Karl Schroeder, Melinda Snodgrass, Charles Stross, Tui Sutherland, Michael Swanwick, Christine Taylor-Butler, Paul Tremblay, Jo Walton, Fran Wilde, Walter Jon Williams, Frank Wu, Jane Yolen and many others!

[See who is coming to Boskone!](#)



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PROGRAM SNEAK PEEK!

Boskone features an acclaimed program that covers a wide variety of fan favorites.

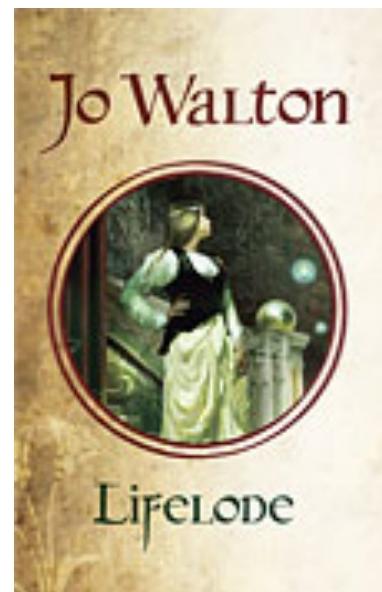
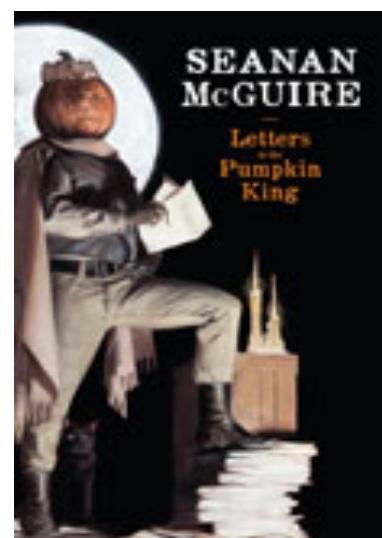
- Art / Demos / Art Show
- Autographing
- Children's Programming
- Comics / Manga
- Dealers' Room
- Filk (Music)
- Film / Anime
- Gaming
- Kaffeeklatsches / Discussion Groups
- Panels / Presentations
- Science / Technology
- Science Fiction / Fantasy / Horror
- Writing / Publishing / Editing
- Young Adult Fiction
- ...and more!

With over 350 items to choose from, Boskone 54 is one of this year's "must see" events for Boston area fans. A few of our panel highlights include:

- **Planet Hunters**
- **The Sense8 Sensation**
- **Dave Seeley Demo: Sketchup as a Tool for 2D Artists**
- **Art of the Fantastic: A Journey Into Creation** (*Documentary & Discussion*)
- **Song Circle: Cats** (*Featuring Lorraine & Lojo*)
- **Buffy the Vampire Slayer: 20 Years Later**
- **The Humans of Mars**
- **The Flash, Supergirl, and the DC Universe**
- **Writing: Pros on Prose**

...and much, much more!!!

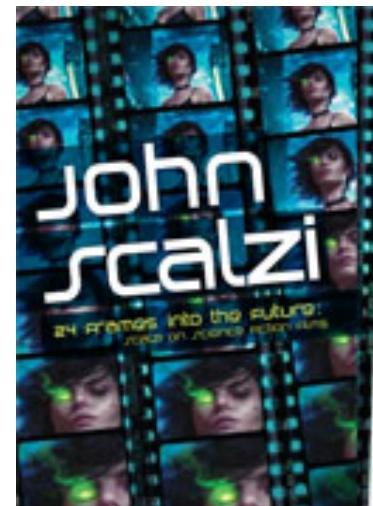
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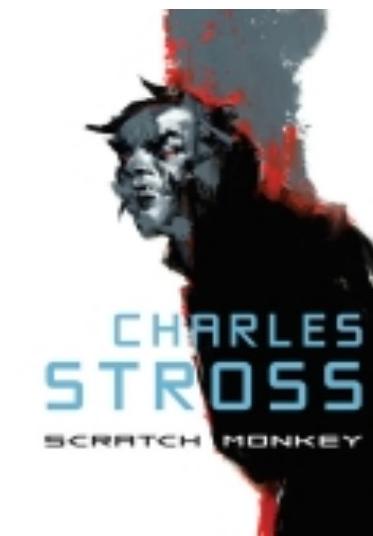
HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA TO SHARE?

If you have an idea for a program item that you'd like to share with the program committee, we would love to hear it! Please contact our program committee at program@boskone.org



AN INCREDIBLE ART SHOW!

This year's Art Show will once again be a spectacular site, featuring the work of dozens or artists from Official Artist Dave Seeley to Rick Berry, Alan F. Beck, Ruth Sanderson, Bob Eggleton, Ingrid Kallick, Tom Kidd and many more! A special black & white art exhibit, featuring the work of Ruth Sanderson, will also be on display.



[Learn More about the Art Show & Program!](#)

VOLUNTEER & PITCH IN

Would you like to help out? We're always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include:

- Loading and unloading the truck.
- Setting up the Art Show.
- Various sit-down tasks like Registration, ConSuite, etc.

If you're interested in being a Boskone volunteer, please contact volunteers@boskone.org.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM AT THE WESTIN

The Boskone room block at the Westin Waterfront hotel usually sells out quickly. So, if you are planning to stay at the Westin this year, please be sure to [reserve your room at the Westin](#) now while space is still available. The Westin is located at 425 Summer Street, Boston, MA.

- [Non-Party Block](#)
- [Party Block *](#)

***Party Block Notice:** When making your reservation for a room in the “Party Block,” please note that this year we’re requiring people to book for both Friday and Saturday to avoid holes in the party block that could potentially be filled with non-Boskone attendees who could potentially complain about noise and cause parties to shut down early.

SEE YOU AT BOSKONE

We look forward to seeing you at Boskone (February 17-19, 2017)! To learn more about the convention, please visit [Boskone's website](#) and be sure to also view our [Code of Conduct](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at info@boskone.org.

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